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DISCHARGE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE BY PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various pharma companies are discharging waste materials which result in environmental pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c)The pharmaceutical industries generate effluents, emissions including hazardous wastes which can result in environmental pollution, if not regulated. For regulating effluents and emissions by the pharmaceutical industries, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified specific effluent standards and general emission standards which have to be strictly adhered to by the industry. The hazardous waste generated by the industry is also required to be regulated as per the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement)Rules, 2008 which have been notified for proper management and handling of hazardous waste generated by such industries. As per these Rules, production/ formulation of drugs/pharmaceuticals is one of the processes generating hazardous wastes and the industry is required to obtain authorization from the respective State Pollution Control Boards for treatment, storage, handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated by it.